(e) and (f) Yes. Government have ordered the re-construction of the bridges and sanctioned the estimate. Tender for the execution of the work has also been accepted.

(g) No.

(h) During abnormal rains the causeway used to be submerged.

(i) Yes. Larger ventway has been proposed to be provided for the new bridges.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know when the work will be taken up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work has already been taken up. The materials have been collected on the spot and the actual work will be taken up as soon as the rain ceases.

Ottanangal chira in Thiruvankulam Village.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when the chira was last repaired;

(b) have petitions been received from the inhabitants of the village requesting the Government to repair the chira;

(c) is there any other public tank in the village which can be used by all classes of people in Thiruvankulam Desam;

(d) is the Government aware of the great hardship felt by the people of the locality for want of a public tank?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) In 1094 by the Sanitary Department.

(b) No, so far as could be ascertained.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. Action will be taken to repair this according to availabiiity of funds.

Road connecting Kureekad with Puthiakavu.

3. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether representations have been received to open a road connecting Kureekad with Puthiakavu;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to open the road;

(c) is the Government aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public for want of such a road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

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(b) The work could not be provided for in the budget for want of funds.

(c) No. The road will, however, add to their convenience.

Caste-war list of appointments.

4. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Governmnet be pleased to state—

1. whether they have scrutinised the quarterly caste-war statements of appointments published in the Gazette;

2. whether they have noticed that some departmental heads have appointed more men from their own communities than from others;

3. and whether they have called for explanations from the officers for this disproportionate distribution of appointments among communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1 They have not reviewed the quarterly caste-war statements.

2. Have had no occasion to do so.

3. No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know why they have not reviewed the statement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because they did not feel any necessity for it.

Mr K. Ayyappan.—May I now then why the statements are published?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The statements are published for public information as per the request of the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are not the Government getting quarterly statements?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The quarterly statements they were getting even before and are still getting.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why do they get it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For review.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If that is necessary, why no review is made in this case also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because no review is called for. The only list that we can review is the quarterly statement under the Standing Orders.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Did you go through the statements to understand whether the appointments are properly distributed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is better understood from the quarterly statements.

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